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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
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INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU  
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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REF: A. STATE 067291, B. GABORONE 0323, C. STATE 043422

1. FOLLOWING IS ITINERARY FOR GRANTEE MASALILA:

FRIDAY, MAY 7 - DEPART GABORONE 1810 VIA BP 851  
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG 1910  
SATURDAY, MAY 8 - DEPART JOHANNESBURG 1500 VIA PA 202  
SUNDAY, MAY 9 - ARRIVE NEW YORK 0625  
DEPART NEW YORK 0825 VIA NW 003  
ARRIVE DULLES 0945

YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT HIS ETA IS MAY 9. YOU MAY WIST TO AMEND  
RESERVATION AT DUPONT PLAZA TO THAT EFFECT.

2. PROGRAM INFORMATION IN REF C HAS BEEN PASSED TO GRANTEE,  
WHO IS MOST PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE U.S. RURAL AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

3. HIS MINISTRY HAS UNFORTUNATELY DECLINED THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
HAVE MASALILA ATTEND THE HABITAT PROGRAM IN VANCOUVER BEGINNING  
MAY 31. MASALILA UNDERSTANDS THAT AS ALTERNATIVE HE WILL BE  
PROGRAMMED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS.  
PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED BY MASALILA  
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. AS WITH MOST BATSWANA, MASALILA IS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN  
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CATTLE RAISING. HE WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST INTERESTED IN A VISIT

TO A U.S. CATTLE RANCH, PARTICULARLY ONE IN THE SAME CLIMATIC ZONE AS BOTSWANA.

B. AS INDICATED REF B, MASALILA IS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR KASANE, WHICH BORDERS ON ZAMBEZI RIVER. HE IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A NEWLY ESTABLISHED FISHING COOPERATIVE. HE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO SEE A COMMERCIAL FISHING PROJECT OF THE SORT WHICH HE IS ASSISTING TO ESTABLISH ON THE ZAMBEZI, ALBEIT ON A MUCH SMALLER SCALE. THIS COULD PROBABLY BE DONE DURING TIME IN SEATTLE.

C. THE WORLD FAMOUS CHOBE GAME PARK IS IN HIS DISTRICT, AND HE WOULD CONSIDER IT MOST USEFUL TO OBSERVE U.S. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

D. AS INDICATED PARA 9 REF B, MASALILA HAS THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING PERFORMED THE RECENT BOTSWANA MARRIAGE CEREMONY FOR ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND RICHARD BURTON. HE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE DURING HIS TRIP TO MEET MISS TAYLOR (HE DID NOT MENTION BURTON).

4. ROUND-TRIP INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION JET TICKET AND 25 POUNDS EXCESS BAGGAGE FOR RETURN TRIP (WHICH WILL BE LEFT OPEN) ARE AT EMBASSY. THAT AND \$35 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE WILL BE PROVIDED MASALILA ON MAY 5 WHEN HE RETURNS FROM KASANE TO MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS TO TRIP.

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